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Patent Application of

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For : SMOKING ARTICLES

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 14, 2001 in the above-identified patent application, please amend the application, as filed, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application, and by the Response and Amendment filed November 7, 2001, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification of the application, as filed, as follows:

Please cancel the paragraph starting at Page 2, line 16, and continuing to Page 3, line 1, in favor of the following amended paragraph:

As far as we are aware at present the only disclosure of the use of carbon in a tobacco rod in a situation where reduction of sidestream smoke was aimed for is in US-

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